# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
# LOK SABHA

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AFFECT OF IMPORT OF FOODGRAIN ON FOOD ECONOMY
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the import of food grains has seriously affected the food economy of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to remedy the situation?

## Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY ( SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

(a) to (c) No report has been received regarding import of food grains seriously affecting the food economy of the country. However, representations have been received suggesting restricting of import of certain food grains like wheat and rice. Import of wheat and rice is restricted and canalized through Food Corporation of India.However, import of wheat is allowed on actual user basis to Roller Flour Mills and import of common/ coarse varieties of rice and rice with 50% or more broken, is free.

In view of the representations received, import duty on wheat has been raised to 50% and that on broken rice has been raised to 80%. This should provide adequate protection to the domestic farmers.